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REQUEST FOR FILING CONTINUATION/DIVISIONAL  
APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

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Sir:

This is a request for filing a ☐ continuation ☒ divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of the following pending application, by the following named inventor(s):

Application No. 09/759,265

Filed: January 16, 2001

Title:

PROCEDURE AND APPARATUS FOR THE OPTIMIZATION OF REACTIVE GAS MIXTURES

Inventor(s):

Savine BOCKEL-MACAL, Fabien ILLY and Pierre AVRILLIER

☒ The entire disclosure of the prior application from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied herewith is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

☐ This application is being filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)(2), the Commissioner is requested to delete the name(s) of the following person or persons who are not inventors of the invention being claimed in this application.

☐ This application is being filed by more than all the inventors named in the prior application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)(5), a new oath or declaration is enclosed, and the Commissioner is requested to add the name(s) of the following person or persons who are inventors of the invention being claimed in this application.

☒ Applicant(s) suggests Figure 1 for inclusion on the front page of the patent application publication and patent.

☒ Applicant(s) requests that the published application include the following assignment information:  
L'AIR LIQUIDE, SOCIETE ANONYME A DIRECTOIRE ET CONSEIL DE SURVEILLANCE POUR  
L'ETUDE ET L'EXPLOITATION DES PROCEDES GEORGES CLAUDE, Paris, France

- | CLAIMS   |                  |            |              |                    |                  |
|--|------------------|------------|--------------|--------------------|------------------|
|  | No.<br>of Claims |            | Extra Claims | Rate               | Fee              |
| Basic Application Fee (1001)   |                  |            |              |                    | \$ 770.00        |
| Total Claims   | 8                | MINUS 20 = | 0            | x \$18.00 (1202) = | \$ 0.00          |
| Independent Claims   | 3                | MINUS 3 =  | 0            | x \$86.00 (1201) = | \$ 0.00          |
| If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$290.00 (1203)                              |                  |            |              |                    |                  |
| Total Application Fee  |                  |            |              |                    | \$ 770.00        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Application Fee |                  |            |              |                    | \$ 0.00          |
| Add Assignment Recording Fee of \$40.00 (8021) if Assignment document is enclosed.           |                  |            |              |                    |                  |
| <b>TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE</b>   |                  |            |              |                    | <b>\$ 770.00</b> |

5. ☐ This application is being filed without a filing fee. Issuance of a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application is respectfully requested.
6. ☐ Charge \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.
7. ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 770.00 is enclosed for the fee due.
8. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.
9. ☐ Cancel in this application original claims \_\_\_\_\_ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.
10. ☒ New drawings are enclosed.
11. ☒ Applicant(s) claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of the following application(s):

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☒ The certified copy of the priority application

☐ is enclosed.

☒ was filed on January 16, 2001 in prior Application No. 09/759,265, filed on January 16, 2001, and acknowledged by the Examiner on March 1, 2004 in Paper No. 5.

☐ has not yet been filed.

12. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

13. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.

14. ☐ A General Authorization for Payment of Fees and Petitions for Extensions of Time is enclosed.

15. ☐ Also enclosed is \_\_\_\_\_  
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16. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to E. Joseph Gess and all attorneys of Burns, Doane, Swecker & Mathis, L.L.P.

a. ☒ The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

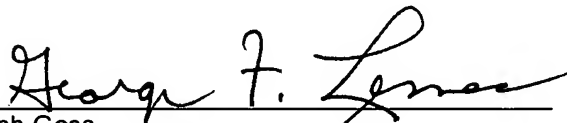
b. ☐ Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

c. ☐ Recognize as Associate Attorney \_\_\_\_\_

d. ☒ Address all future communications to: (May only be completed by applicant, or attorney or agent of record.)

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☐ filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.34(a)